



Joint 8th Annual Meeting of the European Research Initiative for ALK-Related Malignancies (ERIA) and Midterm review of the EU Marie Curie European Training Network ALKATRAS



Hughes Hall College, Cambridge, 28-29th of September 2017



Scientific Programme Day 1

Thursday 28th September 2017

9:00 Arrival and coffee

9:15 Welcome introduction, Suzanne Turner, University of Cambridge

European Association for Cancer research (EACR) sponsored lecture

09:30 Mariusz Wasik, Philadelphia – NPM-ALK as the ultimate oncogene and therapeutic target

Session 1: Chair, Suzanne Turner, Cambridge– ALCL biological studies

10:15 Sabine Lagger, Vienna - Analysing the function of Pdgfrb in NPM-ALK lymphoma

10:30 Lena Illert, Freiburg - Nipa- a new player in ALCL?

10:45 Lara Mussolin, Padua - NPM-ALK expression levels identify two distinct subtypes of paediatric anaplastic large cell lymphoma

11:00 Coffee

Session 1 continued: Chair, Lena Illert, Freiburg

11:15 Joyce Wu, Edmonton - Identifying genes regulated by the JunB transcription factor in ALK+ ALCL

11:35 Sylvie Giuriato, Toulouse - Therapeutic modulation of autophagy in ALK+ ALCL

Cancers (an open access journal) sponsored lecture

11:55 Megan Lim, Philadelphia - Metabolic vulnerabilities in ALCL: implications for targeted therapies

12:40 Lunch and free time for non-ALKATRAS members

Closed ALKATRAS Mid-term review meeting

Poster Session

17:00 Fellows poster session and wine reception (**Poster prize sponsored by EACR**)

19:30 Dinner

Friday 29th September 2017

Closed ALKATRAS Mid-term review meeting continued

Scientific Programme Day 2

12:00 Lunch

Neuroblastoma Society UK sponsored lecture

12:45 Tom Look, Boston – Neuroblastoma: MYCN and MYC Commandeer Core Transcriptional Circuitry to Create Dependencies with Therapeutic Implications.

Session 2: Chair, Bengt Hallberg, Gothenberg –ALK-related neuroblastoma

13:30 Bengt Hallberg, Gothenberg - Combination treatment of ALK addictive neuroblastoma lines; good and bad combinations?

13:45 Ricky Trigg, Cambridge – Mechanisms of ALK inhibitor resistance in neuroblastoma

14:00 Anna Philpott, Cambridge – What controls proliferations versus differentiation in neuroblastoma?

14:15 Coffee

Session 3: Chair, Carlo Gambacorti-Passerini, Milan – Clinical management of ALCL; past, current and future therapeutic approaches

14:45 Wilhelm Woessmann, Giessen - paediatric ALCL

15:10 Carlo Gambacorti-Passerini, Milan - adult ALCL

15:35 Coralie Hoareau-Aveilla, Toulouse - Doxorubicin-induced loss of dnmt1 and topoisomerase II-dependent suppression of mir125b leads to chemoresistance in NPM-ALK-positive cells

15:50 Vijay Singh, Giessen - CD8 T cell response to ALK in children and adolescents with ALK-positive ALCL in remission

Session 4: Chair, Roberto Chiarle, Turin – ALK+ NSCLC

16:05 Roberto Chiarle, Turin/Boston - Mouse models of ALK-rearranged lung cancer

16:30 Overview of Naked Scientists workshop

17:00 close of meeting

The University of Cambridge has its origins in 1209 when a group of scholars from Oxford, escaping from the hostility of townsfolk there, settled in Cambridge to study.

The unique collegiate system is a central part of the experience of studying here in Cambridge. Hughes Hall was established in 1885 as the Cambridge Training College for Women Teachers and was unique in specializing in the admission of women graduates (even though it was not until 1948 that women were allowed to become full members of the University). In fact, the College was an innovator in offering provision for graduate students specifically, and today it enjoys being known as the ‘Oldest Graduate College’ of the University.

A distinctive aspect of college life at Hughes Hall is an egalitarian culture where interaction and engagement between the senior membership and students is open and encouraged. Unlike most colleges, for example, Hughes Hall does not have a “high table” reserved for Fellows at mealtimes, and walking on the lawns is not a privilege reserved only for Fellows – students are permitted to walk on the grass (except the cricket pitch!).

The College has an enviable location at the heart of the City, halfway between the Railway Station and the Market Square. While it enjoys the tranquillity of overlooking the University cricket ground, the main site is adjacent to Mill Road, famous for its cosmopolitan atmosphere and variety of eateries, and Hills Road, a commercial centre and the City’s “High Street”. A short walk across Parker’s Piece, an open park which was famously the place where the rules of Football were first codified, transports students from the scholarly calm of the College to the bustle of the old centre of the City.

